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# MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

## NGO BRANCH

File No. 25/13/NGO-52.

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Subject :- Subhas Chandra Bose - 1. Resolution of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly urging an enquiry into the death of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose  
2. Question in the House of the People on this subject.

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(अरुण कुमार चटर्जी)  
(ARUN KUMAR CHATTERJEE)  
संयुक्त सचिव (सि.स.सं.)  
Joint Secretary (C.S.S.)  
विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली  
Ministry of External Affairs  
New Delhi

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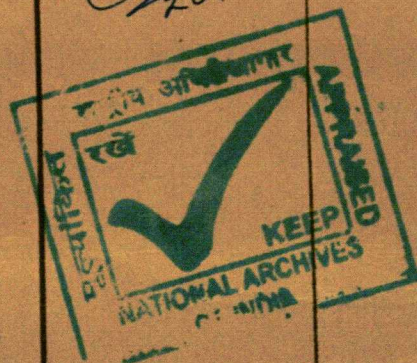
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**CONNECTED FILES :—**

No. 25/4/NSO-52

**Subject :—**

- (i) Taking over of the properties of the I.N.A. in Japan.
- (ii) Safe custody of the ashes of the late Subhas Chandra Bose.

B/F Date.	For Serial No.	Disposal Serial No.	Remarks.



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Ministry of E.A.

D. 4641 - CJK/52

(1)

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We have not received a copy of the non-official resolution stated to have been passed by the Bengal State Assembly. As such plain answers to parts (a) & (b) of the question might be: (a) No, (b) Does not arise.

2. It is, however, for consideration whether we should call for a copy of the resolution from the West Bengal Govt. We might also point out that if the resolution urges an enquiry for confirming the reported deaths of Netaji Bose, we are dubious about the practical feasibility of instituting such an enquiry. We may perhaps request the Parliament Sect. to bring the facts of this case to the ~~note~~ speaker's notice.

mv  
22/9/52 06/22/9/52

WS(FEA)

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Please ask for a copy of the resolution immediately.

Our reply to (b) might be that we do not think an enquiry would serve any useful purpose. Apart from circumstantial evidence which points to



(2)  
his death, Melaji Bora, if  
alive, could have no conceivable  
reason for concealing his identity  
or for not returning to India.  
It is, therefore, not unreasonable  
to presume that he is dead.

D.S. (FEA) may please see.

V.K. Ahuja.

23.9.52

~~DS(FEA)~~

<sup>4</sup>  
Questions on Shri Subhas Chandra  
Bose's death are asked in Parliament  
practically every session! Only last  
session P.M. gave a fairly detailed  
reply. These papers should be passed  
on immediately to the N.G.O. Branch  
for disposal.

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23.9.52

V.K. Ahuja.

23.9.52.

~~US(FEA)~~

~~C.K.~~

NGO Br.  
23/9/52



from prepage

P.M. answered a question in Parliament on Shri Subhas Chandra Bose's death as recently as the 5th March 1952. In the course of his answer P.M. placed on the table of the house a resumé of Shri S.A. Aiyer's report on the circumstances of Shri Bose's death.

Another question on Shri Bose proposed to be tabled in July 1952 was disallowed.

In view of the fairly detailed reply given by P.M. in March 1952, Parliament Secretariat may be requested to consider the desirability of disallowing the question.

24.9.52

Fairly agree.

24.9.52

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DS (FEA)

US (FEA)

CJKPw

V.K. Ahuja  
24.9.52

6  
Draft O.M. to the Parliament Sectt.

is put up. (Endst. to P.M's sectt. added).  
N.G.O. Mr. may see for completion  
of para. 2 of the draft.

3/10/52

20/10/52

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DS (FEA) may kindly see before

me.

V.K. Ahuja  
3.10.52

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D.S. (FEA)

slightly amended. Issued.

3.10.52

US (FEA)

Done  
24.9.52  
NGO  
US (FEA)

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The West Bengal Government have since sent us a copy of the non-official Resolution passed by the West Bengal State Assembly (copy at slip 'B'). These papers have been submitted separately.

2. In reply to the Question, we may perhaps invite the Honourable Member's attention to Prime Minister's reply to starred question No.334 tabled by Shri Kamath, on the 5th March 1952, in the course of which P.M. placed on the table of the House a resumé of Shri S.A. Aiyer's report on the circumstances of the death of Subhas Chandra Bose. It may be added that the Govt. of India have no reason to doubt the correctness of the report, that the Govt. of India accept the final conclusion of the report that the ashes that are enshrined in the Renkoji temple in Tokyo are Subhas Bose's and that, in the circumstances, they do not consider that any further enquiry is called for.

I. Ref. "A" above:

I have sent the West Bengal Government's RESOLUTION, with a brief, self-contained note, to the Foreign Secretary.

II Ref. paragraph 2.

Starred Question D. No.369, from Shri B.K. Das, to be answered (if admitted), in the House of the People, on the 5th November, 1952.

As the Prime Minister may comment on on the Resolution of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, we should await the return of <sup>our</sup> file before drafting a reply to Mr. B.K. Das's question.

N.G.O.

(Leilamani Naidu).  
15-10-52.



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Ministry of Home Affairs.  
Dy.No.10132/52-Poll.

PUC.



We have some papers on this subject but the E.A. Ministry have more recent papers. Since that Ministry are really connected with the subject matter of this Resolution, they may be requested to deal with it.

Gajinder Singh.  
23.9.52.

Secretary may see before we pass this on to E.A. Ministry for disposal.

U.K. Ghoshal.  
23.9.52.

H.V.R. Iengar.  
24.9.52.

Ministry of E.A.

MHA up No. 10132/52 Poll 9-29.9.52

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concerned with  
the subject. Ch  
may kindly  
forward their  
papers to the  
Minister concerned.

Int. Secy  
29/9/52

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H. G. T. B.  
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US (FEA)

C. J. R.

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The first paragraph  
of our draft reply to the  
Parliament Secretariat on  
the subject will have to  
be suitably amended  
since the resolution has  
now been brought to our  
notice officially. I have  
already submitted this draft  
to DS (FEA) who may see  
this, too.

V. K. Ahuja.  
3.10.52

DS (FEA)

14.  
Discussed with DS (FEA).

The fact that this resolution



has been officially brought to  
our notice put a different complexion  
on the matter. The pp. are, therefore,  
recommitted to her as she desired.  
The draft OM which is on the linked  
file should not issue for the  
present.

V. K. Ahuja  
3.10.52

~~DS(EEA)~~

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I think that the Resolution  
unanimously adopted by the  
West Bengal Legislative  
Assembly should be drawn  
to the P.M.'s attention.

Will N.G.O. please put  
up a draft reply to the  
Parliamentary Question on  
linked file

Haid  
4.10.52

⊕ pp amalgamated

N.G.O.



With reference to the Resolution of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, it may be stated that P.M. gave a fairly detailed reply in Parliament on the 5th March 1952 to a question on Shri Subhas Chandra Bose's death. In the course of his answer P.M. placed on the table of the House a resumé of Shri S.A. Aiyer's report on the circumstances of Shri Bose's death. The conclusion of Shri Aiyer's report is that "I have not the faintest doubt in my mind that the ashes that are enshrined in the Renkoji temple in Tokyo are Netaji's."

2. P.M. also wrote to the Chief Minister of West Bengal (Dr. B.C. Roy) about this and a copy of the resumé was also sent to him. In his letter P.M. mentioned "I have no reason to doubt the correctness of this report and I think I must accept the final conclusion also." He also asked the Chief Minister to get in touch with Subhas Bose's family and find out from them about their wishes regarding the disposal of the urn containing Subhas Bose's ashes which is now in a Japanese temple. The Chief Minister replied that he had referred the matter to Sri Asoka Nath Bose, the eldest son of late Sarat Chandra Bose, who, after consulting his people had said that at the present moment they did not desire to move in the matter and they also wished that the matter be not pursued at the present moment.

Ministry of External Affairs.

Subject: Death of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose.

The Government of West Bengal have forwarded a copy of the following Resolution, unanimously adopted by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly during its last session:-

"Resolved that the West Bengal State Government should move the Central Government to take all necessary steps

\* F.R.

# file submitted separately in connection with INA treasure.

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10.10.52

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DS (FEA)

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for ascertaining the real facts about the alleged death of Nethaji Subhas Chandra Bose."

BACKGROUND

On the 15th of September 1951, Mr.S.A.Aiyer, formerly Publicity Adviser I.N.A., called on the Prime Minister and told him that he had paid a brief visit to Japan towards the end of May. The purpose of his visit had been to re-verify the story of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose's air-crash near Taihoku (Formosa) on August the 18th, 1945. He also showed the Prime Minister some papers and photographs and some documents signed by the Japanese people. At the Prime Minister's request, Mr.Aiyer sent him a detailed report of his enquiries on the 26th of September.

5th March 1952: In response to a Parliamentary question, the Prime Minister placed a resumé of Aiyer's report on the Table of the House. In the course of answering supplementary questions, the Prime Minister read out a passage from the report in which Mr.Aiyer had stated:- "In conclusion I would repeat that I have not the faintest doubt in my mind that the ashes that are enshrined in the Renkoji temple are Nethaji's." On being asked whether the report was to be taken as the last word on the subject of Subhas Chandra Bose's death, the Prime Minister replied: "This is the fullest and latest account that we have had. Whether it is the last word or some further information may come later I cannot say, but it does seem now that it is a fairly convincing account."

A copy of the resumé was also sent to Dr.B.C.Roy, Chief Minister of West Bengal, to whom, on March the 1st, the Prime Minister had written: "I have no reason to doubt the correctness of the



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report and I think I must accept the final conclusion also." The Prime Minister asked Dr. Roy to ascertain the wishes of Subhas Chandra Bose's family regarding the disposal of his ashes which, in the custody of our Ambassador, were resting in a Japanese Temple. According to Dr. Roy's reply of March 11th, the Bose family were disinclined to move in the matter and did not want it to be pursued for the time-being.

The West Bengal Government would like to know what action the Government of India intend to take in response to the Resolution passed by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly.

*Jaganmohan Das*

14-10-52

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P.M. will recall that on the 5th March, 1952, he placed a resume of Mr. S.A. Aiyer's report on the death of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose on the table of the House. He also said in reply to a question that this was all the information that was available about Shri Bose's death and that it seemed to be a fairly convincing account.

2. In August 1952, the West Bengal Legislative Assembly adopted a resolution to the effect that the Government of India should "take all necessary steps



for ascertaining the real facts about the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose." The State Government wishes to know what action we are taking in this matter. Shri Bose's death took place at Taihoku Air Port in Formosa and the few persons who were eye witnesses of the occurrence have already been questioned. Mr. Aiyer's report gives the substance of their statements. It is not very easy to carry out a more detailed investigation after so many years, but <sup>I shall</sup> ~~we could~~ ask Mr. Rauf to check up on the facts and to get some more information, if possible.

*[Signature]*

P.M.

16-10-1952

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The State Govt should be informed that we have taken all steps that were possible for us and are satisfied that the reports of Shri Subhas Bose's death is correct. Nothing more can be done now. The facts have been as ascertained by us have been made public and Parliament has been informed.

There is no hint in referring the matter to Dr Rauf for the purpose. But I want to know where the gold is now which Shri Chatterjee received and placed in a bundle as above.

*[Signature]*  
16/10/52

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A list of entrees handed over to the ~~main~~ Embassy in Tokyo has been sent to P.P.S. Further information is awaited from Do Rang. P.P.S. might show P.M. the note of entrees yesterday - and then return them pp. to me.

*[Signature]*  
16/10/52

P.P.S.

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PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT.

This has been done.

*[Signature]*  
(B.N. Kaul)  
17.10.52.

Ministry of External Affairs (Shri R.K. Nehru).

P.M.'s Lett. u/o. No. D/S 12322, dt. 17.10.52.

D.3422 - 130/52

~~DS(FEA)~~

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Draft reply to West Bengal Government is put up, which, if approved, may issue from CJK Branch.

2. As regards the Parliament question on the subject, the papers have already been passed on to CJK Branch.

See  
21.10.52

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21.10.52

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As attached, is enc.

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~~DS(FEA)~~

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The papers have been submitted to D.S.(FEA), who may kindly see.

15.10.52

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DS (FEA)

Please see 27 comments on linked file.

15.10.52

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16.10.52

We may accept transfer of the Question. CSK Branch may please see and inform the Parliament Secretariat of the acceptance of the transfer under intimation to P.H.'s Secretariat as decided by the latter.

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V.K. Ahuja

16.10.52

DS (FEA)

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C.J.K. Br.

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V.K. Ahuja

20.10.52

5 P.H.

WS (FEA)

Draft issued. These papers may be sent

back to the NGO Br.

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N.G.O. Ar. (13)

Resubmitted with reference to D.S.(FEA)'s note dated 15. 10. 52 on p.4 ante.

2. Reply to the West Bengal Government regarding the Resolution adopted by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly has issued on 23. 10. 52 on the linked file.

3. A draft reply to Shri B.K. Das' question, put down for reply on 5. 11. 52, is submitted for approval.

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24.10.52

Ds (FEA)

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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

Starred D.No.369 to be answered on 5-11-52.

Subject: Death of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose.

Draft answer is placed below for P.M.'s approval.

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PPS to PM

Prime Minister's Secretariat  
NEW DELHI

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I have separately informed Shri H. Dayal that answers to questions in Parliament should be put up to the Prime Minister through the Deputy Minister. In accordance with the Prime Minister's instructions, this file is returned with the request that it may be put up to the Deputy Minister first and then sent to us so as to reach us in time.

We have received no notice about this!

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20.10.52

M. Kaul  
(B.N. Kaul)  
30.10.52.

Ministry of External Affairs (Miss Leilamani Naidu)

No. D/S 12599 dt 30.10.52



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Ministry of External Affairs.

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

Starred D.No.369 to be answered on 5-11-52.

Subject: Death of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose.

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Draft answer is placed below for P.M.'s approval.

*[Signature]*  
30-10-52

Dy.Minister

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Approved (S)

*Anil K. Chandra*  
30/10/52

P.M.

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Prime Minister's Secretariat,  
NEW DELHI.

40-A  
Starred question No. 369 (advance list) regarding the death of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose, provisionally put down for answer on 5th November, 1952, has been disallowed under list No. 2-Q/52, dated the 29th October, 1952, issued by the Parliament Secretariat. The file is, therefore, returned to the Ministry of External Affairs.

*[Signature]*  
(B.N. Kaul)  
31-X-52

Ministry of E.A. (Shri Leilamani Naidu).

No. D/S 12629 dt 31.10.52

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31.10.52

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Ministry of External Affairs  
(NGO Branch)

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Reference attached question No.3642 for the House of the People, regarding the death of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose, put down for answer on 16.3.53.

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A similar question No.561 is due to be answered by the Prime Minister today in the House of the people. A copy of this question and the answer to be given is placed below at slip 'E'. In view of this, under Rule 47(2)(xii) of the Rules of Procedure and conduct of Business in the House of the People, the present question is not to be answered and the CJK Branch have written to the Parliament Secretariat to disallow this question.

D.S.(FEA) may kindly see for information.

See  
6.3.53  
6.3.53

V.K. Khurje

DS (FEA)

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DS (FEA)

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CJK

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This question has been disallowed.

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9.3.53

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Ministry of External Affairs  
(NGO Branch)

Reference attached question No.659 for the Council of States.

*Removed & returned to me P.L.B. as desired by them*

Part (a) - The press reports referred to in the question have not come to our notice. The Press Information Bureau were requested to let us have these reports but these are not available with them also. Whatever press reports they had in their possession have been sent to us and are placed below at slip 'L'. Another press report on the same subject received recently from the I. & B. Ministry is also placed below at slip 'P'.

Part (b) - It is observed that from time to time various reports are published in the press raising doubts about the authenticity of the news of the air accident in which Shri Subhas Chandra Bose is said to have met his death. Prime Minister has, however, said in this connection that as far as Government are concerned, they are satisfied about the correctness of this report. This has been corroborated by Shri S.A. Ayer and others who were close associates of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose and some of whom were actually travelling in the same plane in which Shri Bose met his tragic death. The Prime Minister made his statement in the House of the People on 5th March 1952 in reply to a question, when he also laid a resume' of Mr. Ayer's report on the table of the House.

Part (c) - The question of misappropriation of the funds of the India Independence League has come to the notice of Government but due to various reasons Government are unable to take any action in the matter. For one thing with the lapse of such a long time, it is not possible to secure any definite clues in the matter and secondly any investigations would raise a considerable amount of controversy which is not considered desirable.

*x g. Dy. Minister's note dated 26.2.53 slip 'G'.*

Recently there were some letters from one Mr. V.B. Sheth of Tokyo to the effect that Mr. Rama Murti formerly connected with the India Independence League at Tokyo had misappropriated a large part of the treasure and jewels which were the property of the League. Mr. Murti is at present in Delhi. These papers together with the NGO Top Secret file on the subject have been referred to the Ministry of Home Affairs (Mr. Ghoshal) on the 17th February 1953. These papers have not been received back so far.

Part (d) - In view of what is stated above against part (b), Government do not propose to institute any further investigations in the matter.

It may be mentioned in this connection that P.M. is already answering a question on the 6th March in the House of the People on Subhas Chandra Bose. Presumably the present question which is for 27.3.53 would therefore be disallowed. However, a draft reply on the lines suggested above would be put up for approval, if agreed to.

(Another letter has been received today from Mr. V.B. Sheth on this subject and is placed below at slip 'Y'. In this letter he has repeated his allegations against Mr. Rama Murti.)

DS (FEA)

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5.3.53



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Ministry of External Affairs  
(NGO Branch)

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D.No.771-NGO/53

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The Council of States Secretariat wish to know the facts relating to question No.659 by Shri P. Sundarayya for answer on 27.3.53 regarding Shri Subhas Chandra Bose to decide the admissibility of the question.

The relevant papers about the question have already been put up to D.S.(FEA), who may kindly see for orders.

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D.S.(FEA)

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A self-contained Note prepared by the NGO Branch, which is placed below, may be sent, with relevant papers, to the Council of States Secretariat for their information.

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9.3.53.

Council of States Secretariat (Mr. P.N.Krishnamani)

Ministry of External Affairs. No. D. 771-NGO/53  
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Council of State Sect. dt. 10.3.53

The starred question D.No. 659 has been disallowed by the Chairman. These papers may be returned to the Ministry of External Affairs.

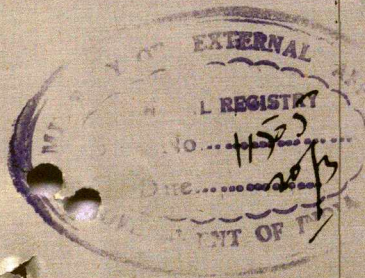
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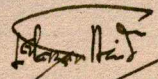




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Ministry of External Affairs

Ref. para 4 of NGO note, below.  
I have not been shown the previous  
letters received here from Mr B.V.  
Seth of Tokyo. Please get the file  
back from the Home Ministry as early  
as possible. I wish to discuss the  
Parliament question with our Deputy  
Minister.

  
(DS-FEA)  
7-3-53

IMMEDIATE

N.G.O.

NGO. No. 53

A fair u/o note to the Ministry  
of Home Affairs is put up for D.S. (FEA's)  
approval and signature.

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DS (FEA)



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TOP SECRET

MOST IMMEDIATE

Ministry of External Affairs  
(NGO Br.)

[dt. 17. 2. 1953,

Will the Ministry of Home Affairs please refer to our u.o. No. 279-NGO/53, (sent to Mr U.K. Ghoshal by name), regarding some complaints received from Mr V.B. Sheth of Tokyo against Mr Rama Murti, formerly of the India Independence League at Tokyo, who is at present in India.

2. These papers are required by us immediately for preparing the answers to a question in the Council of States. We shall therefore be grateful if these are returned to us per bearer.

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DS (FEA)

(Leilamani Naidu)  
Deputy Secretary.

Ministry of Home Affairs (Mr U.K. Ghoshal)  
Ministry of External Affairs u.o. No. 394-NGO/53 dt. 9.3.53

The file has been retained back from the D.A. The E.A.

Ministry are requested to note the suggestion made at the end of Mr. Kulkarni's note of today's date.

D. No. 801-NGO/53

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Min. of E.A. (his Naidu) 10.3

M.H.A. 4/2 no. 5. 304/53-T. 8 10.3.53



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Ministry of External Affairs  
(NGO Branch)  
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Reference notes on prepage.

The file has been received back from the Ministry of Home Affairs and is placed below. D.S.(FEA) desired to see Mr. Sheth's previous letters. These may kindly be seen at slips 'B' and 'O'.

The self-contained note prepared by the NGO Branch about the Parliament question has been referred to the Council of States Secretariat, who wanted to know the facts about the question to determine its admissibility. We may await return of these papers from the Council of States Secretariat. The question has been put down for 27.3.53.

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D.S.(FEA)

Please inquire whether the question  
is being allowed. HA  
16.3.53

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16.3.53

NGO.

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The question has been disallowed by  
the Council of States Secretariat vide their  
note dated 19.3.53 in the file placed below.

① Item 51

D.S.(FEA) may kindly see for

information.

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**MOST IMMEDIATE/SECRET**  
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**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**  
(Europe West Division)

Placed below is a copy of the Notice received from Rajya Sabha Secretariat regarding Provisionally Starred Question Dy. No. 008171, which was earlier supposed to have been answered on 29 April 1999.

2. Part (c) of the Parliament Question had sought information on whether the Government had any plans for making public the documents relating to the death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

3. EA Division as well as MHA and MOD have informed us that they do not have any documents on this matter. The National Archives have some documents which were transferred to them by the MOD in 1997 and which are available to the public.

4. NGO may kindly inform this Division if it has any documents regarding the death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. This information would be required to respond to Part (c) of the Parliament Question whenever it comes up again i.e. on whether the Government has any plans for making public the documents relating to the death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

B. S. Bishnoi

( B.S. Bishnoi )  
Director (EW)  
20.4.99

SO, NGO

In JM

There are a few files <sup>with NAO</sup> on the subject 'A' mentioned in para 4 above. JS(EA) may kindly see for instructions please.

21/4/99  
SO(NAO)

The files may be checked and if relevant pps are there, it may be made available to JS(EW)

SO(NAO/s)  
In JM/KS  
23/4 JS(EW)

My impression is that such documents, or are available, have made available to me. Enquiry Committee on air subject. Unless more "documents" on file or otherwise, the NGO files, by themselves, may not be of much help in answering the question.



Ministry of External Affairs  
NGO Section

Reference Dr (EW) note and subsequent notings  
of JS(EA) and JS(CNV) regarding Parliament  
question seeking information about death of Netaji  
Subhash chandra Bose.

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As desired by JS(CNV) NGO file No. 25/13/  
NGO-52 4w one Kw is placed below for  
perusal of JS(EW).

Submitted please.

SOC(NGO) 26/4/99  
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PL discuss most urgently with  
the P. Au. in question -

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The P. Au. question was not admitted  
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NOTICE OFFICE  
Dy. No. 008142  
Date 27/3/99

RAJYA SABHA / राज्य सभा  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER  
मौखिक उत्तर के लिए प्रश्न

QUESTION BRANCH  
S. Q. Dy. No. 008171  
Date

FROM/प्रेषक

KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE

To/सेवा में,

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL / महासचिव,

RAJYA SABHA, NEW DELHI / राज्य सभा, नई दिल्ली।

SIR/MADAM, महोदय/महोदया,

Under Rule 39 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, I give notice of the following Questions  
प्रक्रिया तथा कार्य संचालन संबंधी नियमों के नियम, 39 के अंतर्गत, मैं निम्नलिखित प्रश्न की सूचना देता हूँ। जिसका मौखिक  
for oral answer on/उत्तर..... 27/3/99 ..... को दिया जाये।

Yours Faithfully / भवदीय,

Member/सदस्य

Division No./विभाजन सं. 273

Order of preference/प्राथमिकता क्रम

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

\*Will the Minister of ..... be pleased to state:

\*क्या ..... मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- (a)(क) whether it is a fact that the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose still figures in the list of War Criminals maintained by the British Government;
- (b) if so, whether Government propose to approach the British Government for removal of the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from that list; and
- (c) whether Government propose to acquire and make public all the documents relating to the death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and the details thereof?

Our response to a previous A.Q.  
can be seen at F/A.

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IMMEDIATE.

COUNCIL OF STATES SECRETARIAT.

Parliament House,  
New Delhi, the 6th March, 1953.

Subject: Question in the Council of States  
for answer on 27th March, 1953.

The Ministry of External Affairs

are requested

kindly to state the facts relating to the enclosed Starred/~~unstarred~~  
Question No. 659 so as to enable the Chairman to decide the admissi-  
bility of the question.

This information may kindly be supplied as early as  
possible. ~~and in any case by not later than the~~

C.R.D. Menon

(C.R.D. MENON)  
Section Officer.  
Tele No. 45840.

Ministry of External Affairs (Shri P. Singhi)

S.u.o. No. SQ-659/53-C&Q

dated

6th March, 1953.

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QUESTION FOR THE COUNCIL OF STATES

Starred/Unstarred No.

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Notice was received on the

26.2.53

Notice of admission to be sent out on the

21.3.53

Ministry to which the day has been allotted

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The question will, if admitted, be put down

27.3.53

for the meeting on the:-

\* SHRI P. SUBBARAYYA: Will the Prime Minister be

pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to press reports which have appeared in Bangkok and Tokyo in the last week of January 1953, regarding the circumstances surrounding the death of Shri Subhas Chandra

Bose;

(b) whether Government have taken note of the

fact that these reports raise doubts about the authenticity of the news of the air-accident, in which Shri Subhas Chandra Bose is said to have met his death;

(c) whether Government have taken note of the

fact mentioned in these reports, that large funds of the India Independence League which were with Shri Subhas

Chandra Bose, have been misappropriated by some persons; and

(d) whether Government have instituted any

investigations into the actual circumstances of the death of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose; if so, whether papers concerned with the investigation will be laid on the Table of the

House?

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Disallowed vide para 5)



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QUESTION FOR THE HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Starred/Unstarred D. No.

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Notice was received on the

24.2.53

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Notice of admission to be sent out on the

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Ministry to which the day has been allotted

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The question will, if admitted, be put down for the sitting on the :

18.3.53

DR. SURESH CHANDRA : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government have any convincing proof of the death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Formosa; and
- (b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, are Government contemplating to arrange to bring his ashes to this country ?

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Government of India.

House of the People.

Ministry of External Affairs.

Starred Question No. 561.

To be answered on the 6th March, 1953.

Reply to the question asked by Shri A.N. Vidyalankar.

\*No. 561. SHRI A.N. VIDYALANKAR: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently received a request from the Government of Japan that the Indian Government should take charge of the ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose;

(b) whether Government have in their possession conclusive evidence that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose is dead, and the ashes said to be his really belong to Netaji; and

(c) whether Government intend to bring the ashes to India and to build a suitable memorial of this illustrious son of India?

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SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: ( Minister for External Affairs).

(a) No such request has been received, but as a matter of fact, the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, which are in the Renkoji temple in Tokyo, are in the custody of our Embassy in Japan.

(b) Government have enquired repeatedly into this matter and a resumé of the evidence in Government's possession was placed on the Table of the House on the 5th March 1952. All possible steps were taken by Government and they are satisfied that the report of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose's death is correct. The facts as ascertained have been made public.

(c) Government requested the Chief Minister of West Bengal to ascertain the wishes of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose's family regarding the disposal of his ashes. The Chief Minister replied that the family were disinclined to move in the matter and did not want it to be pursued for the time being. No further step has been taken since then.

\*R.L.G.\*

(Connected papers are in C32 branch)



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No.2-Q/52  
**HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE.**  
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PARLIAMENT HOUSE,  
NEW DELHI-1, the 29th October, 1952.

List of questions for the House of the People Disallowed and  
Withdrawn.

Diary No.	Date on which proposed to be asked.	Brief Subject.
1.	2.	3.
<u>Starred Questions:</u>		
91	5.11.52	Broadcast of Orchestral Compositions
198	"	Agreement between Mr. Slocum and the Bhakra-Nangal Authorities.
202	"	Industrial Development of Delhi.
226	"	Advisory Rule in Nepal.
254	"	Ban on news reels of Olympic Games in South Africa.
243	"	Relaxation in Control on Cloth.
369	"	Enquiry about death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.
385	"	Sub-letting of Government quarters.
689	"	Revision of Indian Information.
813	"	Mr. Churchill's reference to Mahatma Gandhi's fast.
875	"	Rihand Dam.
880	"	Geneva Conference on Kashmir.
891	"	Production by mills and hand-looms.
1013	"	American way of life and standard of industrialisation.
1038	"	Oil Refineries.
1078	"	Irrigation of Mohindergarh District of PEPSU.
1079	"	Bhakra-Nangal Canals in Hissar District of PEPSU.
1092	"	Shrines and temples in India and Pakistan.
1093	"	Houses in rural area.
1161	"	Oppression of Hindus in East Bengal



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Starred Questions.

1342	5.11.52	Staff Artists of All India Radio.
197	"	Pig Iron and Steel Plants.
224	"	Reports of Tribal Invasion of Kashmir.
380	"	Integrated Project of Iron and Steel Industry.
439	"	Immigration Restriction Acts of East Africa.
887	"	Iranian Oil Dispute.

Unstarred Questions.

7	"	Import policy regarding bottles.
17	"	Grants for training in industries.

Starred Questions.

367	13.11.52	Invasion of Kashmir.
386	7.11.52	Antedating of Commissions.
442	"	Scholarships to students of Asian Countries.
501	"	Research in Cosmic Rays.
542	"	Cost of living.
841	"	Conference of high Army Officials.
881	"	Food Research Institute, Mysore.
884	"	Title of Rajpramukh (Abolition).
886	"	Formation of Andhra State.
1134	"	Government Servants' Conduct Rules.
1187	"	Colleges for Tribal People.

Withdrawn Questions ..... Nil.

As there is always a possibility of a Question which has been disallowed being admitted by the Speaker on reconsideration, with or without amendments, on a representation made by the Member concerned or otherwise, it is requested that the final list of questions which is printed and circulated to Ministries five days in advance should alone be considered as the authoritative document. In case of any apparent conflict between the information contained in this statement and the final printed list of questions, a reference can always be made to the undersigned on the telephone or in writing.

D.N. Majumdar,  
UNDER SECRETARY  
(Tel.No.43889).

To  
All Ministries of the Government of India, Prime Minister's Secretariat, Cabinet Secretariat, Central Board of Revenues, Planning Commission, Department of Parliamentary Affairs, and Council of States Secretariat.



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Starred Question No. .. 369 (Advance list)  
Tabled by .. Shri B.K.Das.  
To be answered on .. 5-11-52 (if admitted)

QUESTION

ANSWER

SHRI B.K.DAS: Will the

Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of

(a) Yes.

Government has been drawn to the non-official resolution<sup>x</sup> passed by the West Bengal State Assembly urging an enquiry about the reported death of Netaji Subha Chandra Bose; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken to institute an enquiry as desired by the said Resolution?

(b) Government have already taken all steps that were possible for them in the matter and are satisfied that the report of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose's death is correct. The facts as ascertained by Government have been made public and were conveyed to Parliament by the Prime Minister in his reply, on the 5th March 1952, to question No.334 tabled by Shri Kamath.

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Question and answer for the House of the People.

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by the Prime Minister

in his reply, on the

5th March 1952, to

question No. 334

tabled by Shri Kamath.



Reminder No.2.

Not Immediate.

PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT, INDIA

No. D/S 12353

New Delhi, the 20th October, 52.

Office Memorandum.

40871-1452  
20-10-52

Subject:- Starred Question No.369  
regarding the death of Netaji  
Subhas Chandra Bose, tabled  
by Shri B.K. Das, to be  
answered in the House of the  
People on 5th November, 1952,  
if admitted.

The undersigned is directed  
to invite the attention of the Ministry  
of External Affairs to this office  
Memoranda Nos. 10454, dated the 18th  
September, 1952, and 12078, dated the  
12th October, 1952, on the above-mentioned  
subject, and to request the favour of  
an immediate reply.

*M. L. Bazaz*

( M.L. Bazaz )  
Asst. Private Secy.

Ministry of External Affairs.

A reply has sent  
already been sent  
to the P.M.'s Secretariat  
No further action on this.  
B.K. Das  
21.10.52



DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

Draft <sup>Letter</sup> ~~Memorandum~~ ~~Telegram~~ Immediate.

File No.

Serial No.

1. Date of despatch

No. D. 3373-NGO/52

Dated 20-10-52.

2. List of enclosures

Subject: Starred Question No.369 tabled by Shri B.K.Das in the House of of the People - due for answer on 5-11-52, if admitted.

The undersigned is directed to say that this Ministry have accepted the transfer of <sup>alone</sup> the question from the Prime Minister's Secretariat. The date on which it will have to be answered may kindly be intimated to this Ministry.

V.K. Ahuja.

Under Secretary (FEA)

To The Parliament Secy.

Endst to appear on original.

Copy to the Prime Minister's Secretariat with reference to their O.M.No.D/S 10454 dated 18-9-52.

By order,

Under Secretary (FEA).

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Sent to  
Despatched



(34) D. 3373-NGO/52/2577  
PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT, INDIA

No. D/S 12078

New Delhi, the 12th October 1952.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

Subject: Starred Question No. 369  
regarding the death of Netaji  
Subhas Chandra Bose, tabled by  
Shri B.K. Das, to be answered  
in the House of the People on  
5.11.1952, if admitted.

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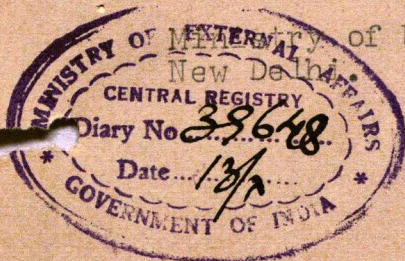
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/Affairs The undersigned is directed to  
invite the attention of the External /  
Ministry to this Office Memorandum  
No. D/S 10454, dated the 18th  
September, 1952, on the above-noted  
subject and to request the favour of a  
very early reply.

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(M.L. Bazaz)

Assistant Private Secretary.



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DEPARTMENT/OFFICE.

Draft Letter  
Memorandum  
Telegram

File No.

Serial No.

1. Date of Despatch

No. F-25/4/NGO

Dated

23-X-52

2. List of enclosures

To

The Secretary to the Government of West  
Bengal,  
Home (Political) Department,  
Calcutta.

Subject: Death of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter No. 6313-P  
20A-20/52

dated the 22nd September 1952, addressed to  
the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi,  
and enclosing a copy of the Resolution, on  
the above subject, unanimously adopted by  
the West Bengal Legislative Assembly during  
its last session. I am directed to state  
that the Government of India have taken all  
steps that were possible for them in the  
matter and are satisfied that the report  
of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose's death is  
correct. The facts as ascertained by  
Government have been made public and were  
conveyed to Parliament by the Prime Minister  
in his reply, on the 5th March 1952, to a  
question on Shri Subhas Chandra Bose's death.  
2. I am to add that, in the opinion of the  
Government of India, nothing more can now  
be done.

Yours faithfully,

DS  
DS (FEA)



**IMMEDIATE.**

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Form No. XXIX, S. I., 1924.

**Government of West Bengal**

Home (Political) Department

**From** Sri Purna Chandra Acharji,  
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal.  
**To** The Secretary to the Govt. of India,  
Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

No. 6313-P, dated Calcutta, the 22nd September, 1952.  
20A-20/52.

**Sub:-** Death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose - Steps to be taken for ascertaining the real facts thereof.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith, for the consideration of the Government of India and favour of necessary action, a copy of the Resolution on the above subject which was passed unanimously by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly during its last session. A copy of the Assembly proceedings is enclosed.

I am to request that if the Government of India see no objection, the State Government may kindly be informed in due course of the action taken in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

*P. C. Bose*

Joint Secy. to the Govt. of West Bengal.

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We have some help on this subject sent Mr. S.A. This move recent before since West Bengal are well concerned with this subject. Ministry of this Resolution they may be requested to deal with it. 11-A 23-9-52

See before we have been on to S.A. Division for his report.

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Res 24



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Resolution of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly

Resolved that the West Bengal State Government should move the Central Government to take all necessary steps for ascertaining the real facts about the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose - carried unanimously.

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Dr. Kanai Lal Bhattacharya : Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly is of opinion that the West Bengal State Government should move the Central Government to set up a committee composed of non-official members for ascertaining the real facts about the alleged death of

Sj. Anandi Lall Poddar : On a point of order, Sir, After having circulated your circular No. 80(239) that the resolution referred to will have precedence over all the other resolutions appearing in the said ~~the~~ list.

Mr. Speaker : You read rule 100(3). That will be taken up tomorrow. You must give 24 hours notice.

Sj. Debendra Chandra Dey : I beg to move an amendment to the resolution that has been moved by Dr Kanai Lal Bhattacharya. The amendment will stand thus :

I beg to move that, in line 3, for the words "to set up a committee composed of non-official members" the words "to take all necessary steps" be substituted.

Sj. Charu Chandra Bhandari : I beg to move as an amendment that the following words be inserted at the end of the resolution :

" and to provide necessary finance to the committee for the purpose".

Dr Kanai Lal Bhattacharya: (in Bengali)

Sj Hemanta Kr. Bose : ( In Bengali)

(Sj. Charu Chandra Bhandari rose to speak )

Mr. Speaker : I did not like to interrupt him while Sj. Hemanta Kumar Bose was speaking on Netaji's resolution. I should like to inform the members that the time-limit for an individual member to speak on a non-official resolution is fifteen minutes. I request the members to confine themselves to that time-limit, so that I may not have to put either blue light or red light.

Sj Charu Chandra Bhandari : (In Bengali)

Dr Atindra Nath Bose : Mr Speaker, Sir, this resolution which I should like to support is but a very faint echo of the national desire which is surging in the heart of Bengal. In the midst of the unbearable agony through which the people of West Bengal have been passing their days for the last ten years, through the smarting anguish of famine, squalor, riots and partition, through the bitterest experiences of nepotism, corruption, jobbery and selfishness which are corroding the vitals of our society, there is only one name to conjure with - a name which lives in every soul, in the deepest recess of every heart, a name which still electrifies the dropping spirit, which is cherished with love, with reverence, with sorrow and with the eager expectancy. It is the name of the man who raised our national struggle from the quicksand of peaceful and non-violent satyagraha to the hard ground of armed revolt of the masses. It is the name of a man hallowed with the grandeur of an epoch struggle between an irregular army for people's liberation and the mightiest armagaddon that the world has ever seen. Who could ever dream that the erstwhile President of the Indian National Congress will ever forget his comfortable role of making speeches and visiting jails, that he will tread an unbeaten path and take to the life of a revolutionary and play with fire, that he will evade the spy-ring of the Elysium Row and the Scotland Yard and move about accross forests, hills and oceans, that he will avert the danger of the hidden dagger of the

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unknown assailant over his head, that after passing through innumerable hurdles of a hazardous journey he will at last find ground under his feet and form an army out of a rabble, a free State out of the haunted refugees, a free nation out of slaves? Who will challenge the most impregnable fortress of the British Empire and who will at last smash the steel frame of the British Bureaucracy and the British mercenary army and come back as the victorious hero of his native land? It is the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. He lost the battle but he won the war. India was free. The man of India's destiny who brought out India from the safe stagnant pool of non-violent Satyagraha into the vortex of the war shone for a while like a meteor leaving behind a blazing trail of glory and at the end of this fight came the story of his flight very soon to an unknown destination in the U.S.S.R., the story of the depressing crash of the plane and the resulting death in the hospital. All those stories circulated by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose himself to hoodwink his enemies have been so palpably exploited and utterly smashed into smithereens that nobody believes them today except a few of his countrymen, except a few of his erstwhile colleagues who cannot hear his name who want that Netaji's name should be buried into the depths of oblivion. Why is the name of Netaji a bugbear to those people? Why do they fight shy of the name of Netaji? Why is the name of the man who is enshrined as a national liberator like Lenin, Sunyatsen, De Valera, Mao Tse Tung is sought to be hidden and hushed into the corners of India's national history? It is because those people are afraid of him: it is because Netaji stood for certain values of life, stood for certain ideals which are anathema to those people; it is because Netaji stood for certain values and ideals of life, the ideals of a people's State, which again are anathema to those people. Netaji and his Azad Hind Fauz and his Azad Hind Government were the living symbols of courage, honesty and sacrifice while their counter-parts here today are bywords for cowardice, corruption and lucre, and that is why their hearts fail at the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and recoil at the name of that national hero and that is why they want that along with the name of Netaji those glorious ideals, those glorious objectives, those political objectives for which Netaji stood and fought with his life, for which Netaji brought about the independence of the Indian Nation should be forgotten once and for all. That is the reason why the mute and mechanical robots of Delhi tread with equal indifference the passionate yearnings of the Indian people to know the real facts about their beloved Netaji, to know whether he is living or whether he is dead; to know his whereabouts if he is living; to know the manner of his death if he is dead. That is why also people here in our own Government are so reluctant to carry the persistent cry of our people in Bengal. Eminent, most eminent Indians like Dr. Radha Binod Pal and our revered leader, the late Sarat Chandra Bose, who travelled to the farthest corners of the globe, where convinced that Netaji was living. The Indian Government repeat parrot-like that Netaji is dead. What are the circumstances that accompanied that tragedy? What are the sure proofs thereto? No proof is coming whatsoever and no convincing proof is needed. There is no proof to establish the palpable falsehood. Is there any free Government in any part of this world which can get rid of their national hero in such a disgraceful, in such an unsympathetic and unseen fashion? Could you imagine a more wretched instance of such jealousy, meanness and ingratitude? Could there be a worse instance of a more short-sighted policy to make the people forget the noble ideals which Netaji should for? Could there be a more short-sighted policy which is directed to make the people forget the ideals for which Netaji fought and lived, the ideals of a people's State, the ideals of a people's revolution and the ideals of a people's socialist conscience. Men in our own Government know very well that Netaji was not merely a hero, not merely a man of history, but that he was also the living emblem of some dynamic forces of social revolution. What they do not know is that this national hero cannot merely be mummified and preserved safely in the galleries of the National Museum, that this national hero is very much living in the hearts of millions of India, that this national hero's unconquerable spirit can never be quenched, that he is living among the teeming millions of India, among the down-trodden exploited masses of India. That spirit is now heard once again in the rumblings of the social revolution which are reverberating in the world, which are resounding the clarion call of Netaji "All power to the Indian People". The signs of this resurrection are visible, symptoms of the social revolution are rampant all around. If the men in our present Government have the faintest knowledge of this resurrection, I hope that even at this late hour they will support this



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This resolution and carry the voice of Bengal to the placid walls of Delhi and break the silent immobility which prevails there.  
Janab A.M.A. Zaman: (In Bengali)

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Sj. Narendra Nath Sen (In Bengali)

\*\*\* The Indian Mission in Tokyo has confirmed the existence of a casket containing the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in a temple at Tokyo.

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medical officers \*\*\* death certificate \*\*\*

Habib's version begins : A couple of hours after we took off from Saigon aerodrome on 17th August, we landed at Touraine (Indo-China) and halted there for the night. Early next morning we again took off and landed at the Taihoku airport at about 2 P.M. on the 18th. We took off from there at 2.35 p.m. We had just cleared the runway and gained two or three hundred feet height when there was a sudden deafening noise. I thought it was an enemy fighter. I learnt later that one of the propellers of the port engine had broken. The plane was already wobbling and in spite of the best efforts of the pilot, the plane crashed on its nose and everything went black for a while. When I recovered consciousness a few seconds after, I realised that all the luggage had crashed on top of me and a fire had started in front of me. So, exit by the rear was blocked by the packages and exit by the front was possible only through the fire. ~~The~~ Netaji was injured in the head but had struggled to his feet and was about to move in my direction to get away from the fire. As there was no passage I said to him "Aagee Nikliye Netaji". With both his hands he fought his way through the fire and stood outside about ten or fifteen feet away. When the plane crashed he got a splash of petrol all over his cotton khaki and it caught fire. When he struggled to come out through the nose of the plane he saw he stood there with his clothes burning and making a desperate effort to unbuckle the belt of his bush coat round his waist. I dashed up to him and tried to help him to remove the belts and then I noticed that his face was battered by iron burnt by fire. A few minutes later he collapsed and he lay on the ground. I was also exhausted and lay down by his side. The next thing I knew was that I was him lying in a hospital bed next to Netaji. I learnt later that within fifteen minutes of the crash military ambulance had rushed us to the hospital in Taihoku city. Netaji lost consciousness almost immediately after reaching the hospital. He regained it soon after. He never complained about the wrenching pain that he must have been suffering. Except for brief spell he was conscious throughout. A moment before the end came he said to me, "My end is coming very soon. I have fought all my life for my country's freedom. I am dying for my country's freedom. Go and tell my countrymen to continue the fight for India's freedom. India will be free before long." The Japanese made superhuman effort to save Netaji but it was of no avail. Six hours after he was brought into the hospital, that is, at 9 p.m. on the 18th August, 1945. Netaji's end came peacefully. (In Bengali)

First I went to the temple to make sure that the ashes were there as I left them six years ago. The same priest was still there. The first Japanese I was after meeting the priest was Mr. Fukuoka whom I had last seen at Saigon airport on the morning of August 20, 1945. I recalled to his mind our conversation that morning and asked him what exactly he knew at that moment six years ago. He told me he knew from certain message that Netaji's plane had crashed at Taihoku and that Netaji had been seriously injured but that he was not aware then that ~~Netaji~~ Netaji had succumbed to his injuries. (In Bengali) .

Sj. Debendra Chandra Dey : Mr. Speaker, Sir, after all that has been said regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, I do not think I have got anything to add nor I would go into the controversial matter that has been raised in this House because since we are moving another resolution to have new findings in the matter I do not think it is wise to go into the merits or demerits of the last finding, whatever it is. Sir, my amendment is very simple. It is not only covers what

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has been said by the mover, but it also covers what has been said by our friend Sj. Charu Chandra Bhandari in his amendment. Therefore, Sir, I would only like to move this and make it clear to our friends that when I move this I have in my mind everything that would come in the way of ascertaining the real facts. The resolution with my amendment will run as follows :

This Assembly is of opinion that the West Bengal State Government should move the Central Government to take all necessary steps for ascertaining the real facts about the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

I hope my friend Dr. Kanai Lal Bhattacharya will accept my amendment and there will be a unanimous resolution in the House .  
Jai Hind.

Dr. Kanai Lal Bhattacharya : ( In Bengali)

Sj. Charu Chandra Bhandari : Sir, I beg to withdraw my amendment .  
(There being no objection)

The motion of Sj. Charu Chandra Bhandari that the following words be inserted at the end of the resolution :

"and to provide necessary finance to the committee for the purpose".  
was then, by leave of the House , withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker : The amendment of Sj. Debendra Chandra Dey runs thus : that in line 3, for the words "to set up a committee composed of non-official members" the words " to take all necessary steps " be substituted.

I think the House accepts this amendment.

(Cries of 'yes' 'yes' )

The original resolution of Dr. Kanai Lal Bhattacharya, as amended, stands thus :-

This Assembly is of opinion that the West Bengal State Government should move the Central Government to take all necessary steps for ascertaining the real facts about the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

I hope the House unanimously accepts this resolution.

( Cries of 'yes' 'yes' )

The resolution is carried unanimously.

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# PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT, INDIA

No. D/S 10454

New Delhi, the..... 18th September, 52.



## Office Memorandum.

Subject:- Starred Question No. 369, regarding the death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, tabled by Shri B.K. Das, to be answered in the House of the People on 5.11.52., if admitted.

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The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of the above-mentioned Starred Question. The subject matter of the question appears to fall within the responsibilities of the Ministry of External Affairs. It is accordingly requested that the Ministry of External Affairs may kindly take over the Question and put up a draft reply as usual for P.M.'s approval.

2. Parliament Secretariat may kindly be informed of the acceptance of this transfer under intimation to this Secretariat.

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Starred D. No.	369
Notice was received on the	4.9.52.
Notice of admission to be sent out on the	30.10.52.
Ministry to which the day has been allotted	Prime Minister's Secretariat.
The question will, if admitted, be put down for the meeting on the :-	5.11.52.

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\* SHRI B.K. DAS : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the non-official resolution passed by the West Bengal State Assembly urging an enquiry about the reported death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken to institute an enquiry as desired by the said resolution ?

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